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SUBJECT: MEETING OF GE REPRESENTATIVES WITH MINISTER UEKI

1. ON APRIL 3 GE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE US AND BRAZIL MET WITH MINISTER UEKI, MINES AND ENERGY, TO DISCUSS EXPECIALLY THE GOB NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM. LATER THE SAME DAY TEAM BRIEFED AMBASSADOR ON THEIR VISIT.

2. UEKI TOLD GE THAT HE WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING TRIP TO THE US BUT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE IT BEFORE MAY. HE SAID HE PLANS TO TAKE PAULO NOGUEIRA BATISTA (HEAD OF NUCLEBRAS), HERVASIO DE CARVALHO (HEAD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION), AND ONE OR TWO OTHERS. HE EXPRESSED DEFINITE INTEREST IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR ASPECT OF THE VISIT, EXPECIALLY GE AND WESTINGHOUSE.

3. UEKI RE-EMPHASIZED TO GE REPS DETERMINATION OF GOB TO GAIN THE MAXIMUM FOR BRAZIL IN FULL FUEL-CYCLE CAPABILITY AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, ESPECIALLY AN INDEPENDENT ENRICHMENT CAPABILITY. UEKI SAID THAT,  
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UNLIKE PAST EXPERIENCE IN THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC FIELD,

GOB WANTED TO MAKE THE LONG-TERM NUCLEAR DECISIONS NOW, IN ADVANCE, FOR THE NEXT 15 YEARS AT LEAST. ACCORDING TO UEKI, GOB WANTS TO PROJECT AHEAD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MAJOR ENRICHMENT FACILITY IN BRAZIL, UTILIZING THEIR INEXPENSIVE HYDRO-POWER, SUPPLYING BRAZIL'S NEEDS AND EVENTUALLY EXPORTING POWER REACTOR FUEL. UEKI MENTIONED GOB INTEREST IN TIE-IN WITH A STRONG FOREIGN PARTNER. WHAT BRAZIL WILL NOT DO, UEKI REPORTEDLY SAID, IS DEVELOP NUCLEAR POWER AS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THE NATIONAL ENERGY SYSTEM AND CONTINUE TO BE DEPENDENT ON AN OUTSIDE SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR FUEL. HIS DESCRIPTION OF A BRAZILIAN FACILITY APPEARED TO ALLOW FOR PARTICIPATION BY NEIGHBORING OR OTHER THIRD WORLD NATIONS BUT TO BE BASED ON MAJOR PARTICIPATION OF AN ADVANCED COUNTRY PARTNER.

4. UEKI MENTIONED THE JET NOZZLE ENRICHMENT PROCESS AS ONE OPTION FOR BRAZIL BUT DOWNGRADED IT AS AN ANSWER TO BRAZIL'S NEEDS. (COMMENT: IN VIEW PACE OF GOB-FRG DISCUSSIONS, EMBASSY NOT CONVINCED OF SINCERITY OF THIS STATEMENT.)  
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